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SUBJECT: NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE OVERSEAS STUDY TRIP

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES POSSIBLE VISIT NWC GROUP BUT HAS RESERVATIONS ABOUT TIMING. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, SECRETARY GENERAL LUNDS THINKING OF LAST TWO WEEKS OF APRIL FOR NATO 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, ATLANTIC DECLARATION SIGNING AND SPRING COUNCIL MINISTERIAL (USNATO 1073). THIS IS SAME TIME-FRAME SUGGESTED BY DEPARTMENT (STATE 33416). WE ARE APPREHENSIVE THAT SHOULD ATLANTIC DECLARATION SIGNING AND 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OCCUR DURING THIS PERIOD, GON OFFICIALS OF RANK NWC GROUP SHOULD MEET WILL BE EITHER AWAY FROM THE HAGUE OR PREOCCUPIED WITH PREPARATIONS FOR ACTIVITIES IN BRUSSELS. THIS SAME PERIOD WOULD PRESUMABLY ENCOMPASS PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO WESTERN EUROPE, IF SUCH VISIT TAKES PLACE.

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2. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED POSSIBLE NWC VISIT WITH MFA, WHICH ALSO

WELCOMES VISIT BUT SHARES RESERVATIONS ABOUT TIMING. MFA SAID IT WILL NEED AT LEAST ONE MONTH TO PREPARE WORTHWHILE PROGRAM AND WARNED VISIT MIGHT ALSO PRESENT LOGISTIC PROBLEM IN VIEW LIMITED HOTEL SPACE IN THE HAGUE IN LATE APRIL BEGINNING OF PEAK TOURIST SEASON. MFA ALSO NOTED FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL WILL BE OUT OF COUNTRY FROM 22-28 APRIL. IN EVENT SCHEDULE SUGGESTED REFTEL NOT SUSCEPTIBLE OF ALTERATION, EMBASSY WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE ENSURE NWC GROUP HAS WORTHWHILE VISIT TO HAGUE, BUT CAN NOT RPT NOT GUARANTEE APPOINTMENTS AT LEVEL SUGGESTED REFTEL.

3. EMBASSY PROJECT OFFICER IS FSO CHARLES B. SALMON, JR.,
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